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The reply filed on January 13, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants' have indicated claims that are not identified within the elected Invention. Specifically, Invention I, to an Apparatus (emphasis added) limited to claims 1-3 and newly added claims 6 and 7 (see Amendment filed January 13, 2003) has been identified by Applicants as claims 1-4, 6 and 7 (See 37 CFR 1.111). Claim 4 is drawn to a method, not an Apparatus (Emphasis Added). Applicants' are reminded that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143). Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Russell Kobert whose telephone number is (703) 308-5222.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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